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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

Crim. Action. No. 21- 24- UNA

BRIAN BENTON, JR.,

REDACTED

Defendant.

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury for the District of Delaware charges that:

DEFINITION

For purposes of this Indictment, the term "sexually explicit conduct" is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2)(A), and includes but is not limited to: sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex; masturbation; and actual and simulated lascivious exhibition of the anus, genitals, and pubic area of any person. Moreover, the term "visual depiction" is defined in Title 18, United States code, Section 2256(5), and includes but is not limited to data stored on computer disk or by electronic means which is capable of conversion into a visual image, and data which is capable of conversion into a visual image that has been transmitted by any means, whether or not stored in a permanent format. Finally, the term "minor" is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(1), as any person under the age of eighteen years.

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COUNT ONE

(Possession of Prepubescent Child Pornography)

On or about September 14, 2020, in the District of Delaware and elsewhere, the defendant, BRIAN BENTON, JR., did knowingly possess a matter containing any visual depiction that had been mailed, and shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, and that was produced using materials which had been mailed and so shipped and transported, by any means including by computer, the production of such visual depiction having involved the use of a prepubescent minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and such visual depiction being of such conduct; to wit, BRIAN BENTON, JR., did knowingly possess computer files containing visual depictions of prepubescent minors who were engaged in sexually explicit conduct, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252(a)(4)(B), 2252(b), and 2256.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

Upon conviction for violating Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252, as set forth in Count One of the Indictment, the defendant, BRIAN BENTON, JR., shall forfeit to the United States any and all matter that contains visual depictions of child pornography or visual depictions that are obscene or that are or appear to be of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, that are produced, transported, mailed, shipped, or received in violation thereof; any property constituting or derived from any proceeds BRIAN BENTON, JR., obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the aforementioned violations; and any and all property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to promote the commission of the aforementioned violations, including the following items seized on or about September 14, 2020:

- Samsung Galaxy SM-S767VL (J7 Crown)
- Galaxy SM-S327VL (J3 Luna Pro)
- Samsung Phone, Galaxy (Black w/ Silver Trim)

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253.

A TRUE BILL:

Foreperson

DAVID C. WEISS UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

By: <u>/s/ Graham L. Robinson</u>
Graham L. Robinson
Assistant United States Attorney

Dated: March 23, 2021